- Remedial teaching to about 43 lakh children in the current year
- Development of the National Curriculum Framework 2005 by NCERT which endeavours to reduce the curriculum load and make learning more enjoyable for children.

SSA programme is a community owned programme and is being implemented with the active co-operation of civil society. This paves way to imbibe importance of education by the mothers of community which includes uneducated women also.

Budgetary allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1375. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the budgetary allocation made in favour of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) designed to provide elementary education to all children is being pruned at the behest of Planning Commission:

(b)the reaction of State Governments to the proposed cut in the allocation;

(c)whether it is a fact that the funds diverted from SSA is proposed to finance secondary education; and

(d)whether there is any proposal to raise the education cess from 2 per cent to 4 per cent to provide for additional funds to this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) In the budget presented to Lok Sabha on 28.02.2007 a sum of Rs. 10.671 crores has been included for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme. The BE for the SSA was Rs. 11,000 crores in 2006-07.

(b)The State Governments have requested the Government of India to continue with the Centre State funding pattern adopted during the Xth Plan period, into the Xlth Plan period also.

(c)and (d) As per budget announcement of 2007, an additional 1% Education Cess on all taxes is envisaged to fund secondary and higher education.